

1 OCT 2010 Weekly News and Announcements:

Important announcements from last week:

1. Dear Family Members, As time quickly approaches for this deployment, you are probably asking "Where is the place Families can say their good-byes?" Brigade personal has stated it will be at each Unit's designated area. The Soldiers will load their bags onto a bus, the Soldier depending on how much time they have from when they load their bags and depart, can and will have time to have their Families see them off. Once on the bus they go to a secure area to swipe their id cards and finish getting ready to deploy. We ask that you do not follow the bus to that location; Soldiers will need to start focusing on their Mission that is ahead of them. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your BN's or their FRSA's to get assistance or information about the procedure. We will not publically announce any information on flight times for security purposes. Have your Soldier keep you informed on this information. Thank you, The Brigade Command Team
2. Morale Call Information: For free calls to your Families from overseas, here is the procedure that I received from the Fort Riley Post Operator. Call the DSN number of 312-856-3911 and here are the instructions:
 - 1) Press 2 or say Morale Call, or if you are calling during Operator hours (M-Thur 0730-1730, Friday 0730-1630 and they are off every other Friday- for example they are off 1 Oct and do not work on weekends) Press 0 and you will be connected to an Operator
 - 2) Give them or dial the number you want to connect too. There are some rules for this , they are as follows:
 - a. If you live on Fort Riley, in or in Junction City, or Wakefield- there is no time limit on the call
 - b. But if it's considered a long distance call then it will be a 10 minute call but you can call back as many times as you like per the Operator I spoke with. Please note that Ogden it is considered a long distance call
3. 1ID Div Newsletter was NOT available at the time of this email and will be posted for you to view at the following link in the next couple of days at: <http://www.1id.army.mil/DocumentList.aspx?lib=1ID FRG Updates>

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. FACEBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT: You do not need to have a Facebook page to view our page! Please click on this link:
<http://www.facebook.com/1HBCTDevilBrigade>
2. Aggiefest 2010- The Manhattan Music Coalition PRESENTS: Aggiefest 2010 on October 1st & 2nd, 2010. Friday: 6pm-close, Saturday: 4pm-close. This event features over 60 bands in eight venues in the Aggieville area. The event has been "Rockin' the 'Ville since 2006!" Tickets are on sale NOW @ Sisters of Sound and On the Wildside in Aggieville! Family friendly event. More info including full music line-up at www.aggieville.org
3. Annual Pumpkin Patch Arts and Craft Show - Fri October, 1st - Sat October, 2nd - Sponsored by the Mercy Regional Health Center Auxiliary, an arts and crafts festival featuring 150 vendors from six different states. Everything is handmade or homegrown in complete form. Call for more information. Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Address: Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park Phone: 785-539-0222 (Always call and confirm events.) Web Address : www.via-christi.org/body_mercy.cfm?id=76
4. The 9th Annual Little Apple Optimist Club Chili Crawl - 10/2/2010 4:00 PM - Location: Aggieville \$10 -entitles ticket bearer to small bowl of Chili at each location. "Cool Down" at Cold Stone Creamery. Tickets can be pre-purchased from any Little Apple Optimist Club member, or at Varney's Bookstore, or Aggieville Barber Shop. At the start of the event, tickets can be purchased at the following participating locations: Bluestem Bistro, Buffalo Wild Wings, Coco Bolos, Cold Stone, Hibachi/Texas Star, Kite's, Last Chance, The Loft, Pat's, & Porter's.
5. CYSS has received guidance on AFC usage that is billable through CYSS. We will no longer be able to support some programs under our AFC funding. Some of the programs affected include Victory Welcome, ACS FRG classes, FRG support meetings (Key Caller & Steering Committee), the Muster meeting, and the Town Halls. CYSS will be happy to continue to provide quality childcare for your programming, but we will no longer be able to bill the childcare under AFC. Please contact Beth Peterson, 785-239-4745, for further information, and to coordinate payment arrangements for FY 2011 programming. Please see the attachment.
6. ACS and CYSS is requesting your assistance in surveying Fort Riley FRG leadership (FRSA's, FRG Leaders, Commanders, Senior Advisors, FRG Volunteers etc.) about the availability of free childcare for meetings. Please complete the attached survey and return to any ACS facility or email directly to Heather Stewart, heather.a.stewart1@us.army.mil Outreach Coordinator, Army Community Service Annex 1020 Huebner Road

Fort Riley, KS 66442, P: 785.240.5449. Deadline is by Oct 8, 2010.
Please see attachment.

7. 2nd Annual Health and Security of Military Families Lecture Oct 14- The 2nd K-State Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families Lecture is on Oct 14th from 1-3pm in Hale Library, 5th Floor, Hemisphere Room at K-State. Presenters are: MAJ Jeff Hall and his wife Sheri. He heads up the Resiliency Campus at Fort Riley. Also speaking will be CPT Josh Mantz, Aide de Camp for BG Peterson. He flatlined for 15 minutes after a sniper attack in 2007 in Iraq and returned to complete his tour 5 months later. Free of charge and open to the public. All military families are encouraged to attend.
8. K-State Research & Extension on Fort Riley will be holding various workshops this coming October. Attached is our October Calendar for more details. You can also go to our website, www.fortriley.ksu.edu for more information or check us out on FaceBook, K-State Research & Extension- Fort Riley. If you wish to receive a flyer for a specific program let us know and we can send it to you. Most programs request that you pre-register so that we know the number of people to anticipate. We are also able to provide programming for specific groups (FRG's, units, Pre & Post Deployments). K-State Research & Extension covers the following four main areas: Nutrition & Health, Family Resource Management, Family Life, and Child Development.
9. HASFRs Ghost Tours- Do you believe in ghosts? Are there really ghosts on Fort Riley? Skeptic or not, come and join the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley (HASFR) for our annual Ghost Tours of Historic Main Post on Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 4:00-7:00 pm. The last tour leaves at 7:00 pm. For more information please contact Kim Wagenblast at Hasfrevents@yahoo.com or 785-223-1513.
10. Full Circle Home - An individual, business or organization, sponsors a serviceman's holiday gift to the woman at home who is supporting him. A special package of individually wrapped gifts is carefully prepared by volunteers and is sent to a woman, usually a wife or mother... along with a love note from her serviceman, and a note of appreciation from the sponsor. Everything is free of charge. For more information visit <http://www.fullcirclehome.org/pcms/;jsessionid=B661A35BBCD083F9BDBB3B146FE1F172?f=d&name=home>

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Brigade Blankets are still available to purchase, please see the order form attached. The Brigade must have 35 orders before submitting an order. \$35 /piece. Also if you are looking for an attachment on the Ft Riley Page or the Facebook page, please contact Noel @ noel.waterman1@us.army.mil and she will email it to you.

2. New Guidelines on Free Childcare for 2011
3. ACS Family Readiness Group Childcare Survey

Social Media ways to get your Weekly News, Announcements and Updates:

- 1) 1 HBCT Weekly News Announcements will be posted for your convenience at the following link going forward:
<http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=1bct> , click on the Weekly News and Announcement Section.
- 2) 1ID Div Newsletter is posted for you to view at the following link:
<http://www.1id.army.mil/DocumentList.aspx?lib=1ID FRG Updates> .
- 3) Post newspaper, published new every Friday, can be found at
www.1divpost.com.
- 4) Information can also be found on our 1HBCT Facebook page.
http://www.facebook.com/note.php?created&¬e_id=139887829385380&id=129814630383090#!/1HBCTDevilBrigade?ref=sgm or if you do not have a Facebook page please click this link: <http://www.facebook.com/1HBCTDevilBrigade>
- 5) Information and Attachments can also be found on the HHC, 1HBCT vFRG website: instructions are:
 - 1.Go to Army FRG Homepage: <http://www.armyfrg.org> Click on "Find an FRG" in the upper left navigation bar
 - 2.Select the location of our FRG - "Kansas"
 - 3.Select the Soldier's assigned Battalion or HHC from the listed FRGs at Ft Riley, Kansas- HHC, 1HBCT- The Devil Brigade (Kansas, UIC:WAHDAA), see below for the rest of the 1 HBCT Units.
 4. In the dropdown window on the next page, make the appropriate selection. I am subscribing as a "Family Member" or "Soldier" (Remember that the Soldier must register first)
 5. Enter the last 4 digits of the Soldier's SSN, first name and last name. YOU MAY RECEIVE THIS ISSUE- "The Soldier information you entered does not match any Soldier data in the vFRG database. Please check that the Soldier information is correct and try again". If you get this error, please do not continue to register. An email will be sent to us and we will manually add the Soldier's name. We will research the issue and reply via email to you. If you haven't received an email back in 72 hours, Email the FRSA and they will research and get the information in for you if applicable. You will need to provide her with Soldier's Full Name/Rank/SSN#. If you received the above message, you will need to wait to continue until we contact you. Please proceed to next step if no issues.

6. Follow the steps to complete the registration and the password needs to be 6-10 characters (if you are already a member of Army OneSource, you must use the same username and password for this site)

7. Registration is complete- hit "Continue" button

- You are at the "Welcome to Your FRG" page
- Go to the left hand column under "New Site Tools"
- Click on "Find an FRG" again
- Click on Kansas again and you will see in Red that you are pending approval- within 48 hours (usually less then that unless weekend/holiday) you will then receive an email stating that you have been approved. Email will state this: "To access your FRG, log into the Army FRG web site. After you do, you'll see a dropdown at the top of the screen on the right. Select your FRG from the dropdown and then click on the "Go" button next to it. "HHC, 1HBCT- The Devil Brigade" or your BN name **More detailed instructions are provided on the www.armyfrg.org homepage, or you can contact your FRSA for assistance.

101st Brigade Support Battalion (Kansas, UIC: WJA1AA)

1-1 BSTB (Kansas, UIC: WJM1AA)

1-16 Infantry, IRON RANGERS! (Kansas, UIC:WAHDAA)

1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery (Kansas, UIC: WAHNT0)

1st Engineer Battalion (Kansas, UIC: WAHCAA)

2-34 AR, 1BCT, 1ID (Kansas, UIC: WAHOTO)

4-4 Cavalry (Kansas, UIC: WGY7AA)

6) Fort Riley has launched an e-mail notification service. Sign up for "In Touch with Fort Riley" to get information about upcoming events or services on post and in the surrounding communities. To register, visit www.riley.army.mil and complete the form linked on the homepage.

7) Fort Riley Calendar with Events: <http://www.riley.army.mil/calendar/>
bottom of that page lists additional calendars for surrounding areas

Please continue for attachments.

WEST Region Reminder

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AFC Guidelines for FY 11

To all:

I would like to take this time to do reminders for AFC expenses for FY11.

Garrisons have been notating unusual expenses on their AFC Tool. This is a great time to rethink what AFC expenses are appropriate:

TAB B: If you are not using numbers off of the CYMS reports ensure that you have written proof of back up;

TAB C1: **Only FRG meeting** expenses (3 hours or less) are documented here – this does not include Key Fund Custodian or any other kind of regular ACS training or class. If the meeting is going to last longer than 3 hours, you must have a back up e-mail that states that the ACS fund manager for your Garrison has approved it.

See below budget guidance in reference to AFC FRG;

39. ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE:

a. Appendix J to AR 608-1 provides general guidance on the operation of the NAF FRG Supplemental Mission Activity. NAF department code "9J" has been created as the General Ledger Account Code (GLAC) to meet financial reporting requirements. The Installation Management Command's Letter of Instruction for managing the FRG Supplemental Mission Activity has been published (IMWR-FP, subject: Letter of Instruction (LOI) – Family Readiness Group (FRG) Supplemental Mission Activity, 14 March 2007) along with IMWR-FMC NAF Financial Management Memorandum 07-01, subject: New Department Code – Family Readiness Groups, 26 April 2007. NETCALL 2009-05, Subj: Family Readiness Group Program Funding Guidance was published 2 Feb 09 to clarify FRG funding practices. **In FY11 ACS will reimburse CYSS for child care provided for official FRG meetings, regardless of the units' status in the ARFORGEN cycle.** Units desiring to utilize this program will coordinate with the supporting ACS to provide cost estimates and meet accounting requirements. **Billable hours will not exceed more than three hours per month per child.** IMCOM provides child care through CYSS to encourage attendance at official monthly FRG meetings in support of the FRG mission to disseminate command information. (POC is Kathy Ledbetter) IMWR-FP, DSN 761-1429 or (703) 681-1429, e-mail: Katherine.quinn.ledbetter@us.army.mil.

TAB C2 – This tab is not for FCC monthly meetings or any ACS or Chapel meetings – these are to be billed separately to the appropriate payee. This tab is for reintegration / specific **deployment** meetings beyond the FRG/Other Group care dealing with AFC (memorials etc). If in doubt whether you can put particular meetings/KOS expenses on here, please call me. CYSS AFC expenses are not to be abused by other agencies.

Please remember to move your AFC expenses to the correct GLAC and Program code on a monthly basis.

If you need any further information or have additional questions please call or e-mail me.

Thank you for your attention with this subject.

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FAMILY READINESS GROUP (FRG) CHILDCARE SURVEY

In an effort to ensure that FRG's on Fort Riley are being accommodated, ACS and CYSS are asking for your assistance in polling FRG leaderships to survey the needs and ensure that service is provided in accordance with the best resources available.

1. Do you find that the Warren East CDC is a suitable location to provide childcare for Family Readiness Groups? Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, which CDC location would you prefer?

2. Which weekday evenings would best suit your FRG to have free childcare available? *Please pick only two.*

Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐

3. Which available time would best suit your FRG to have free childcare available on a week night? *Please pick only one.*

5:30 – 7:30 pm ☐ 6:00 – 8:00 pm ☐ 6:30 – 8:30 pm ☐ 7:00 – 9:00 pm ☐

4. Are you currently aware that all Fort Riley FRG's have scheduled nights where childcare is offered for FRG meetings at no cost to the unit?

Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Does your unit currently use the Free Childcare Nights for FRG's?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, please explain?

Please return this survey to any ACS facility or email directly to Heather Stewart, heather.a.stewart1@us.army.mil by **Oct 8, 2010**. Thank you.